

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CITIZEN'S FORUM
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
March 19, 2019
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council Citizen's Forum to order at 5:33 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Watts, Thomas, Knight, McClendon and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: Miller
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
Police Chief, John Lekan
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
Deputy City Clerk, Janet L. Pierson

I. TRAILERS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS

Kenneth L. Smith, 2443 S. Olivia Avenue, spoke about a notice he received from the City of Yuma about his trailer being parked on the street. The notice stated, among other things, obstruction of traffic. **Smith** was also told that the garbage truck drivers were complaining because they could not get in and out to pick up trash.

Smith provided several photos to Mayor and City Council in an attempt to show there is no obstruction taking place either on the sidewalk or out in the street. **Smith** further stated that he has a good relationship with his garbage truck driver who has never mentioned a problem with his trailer to him. Also, the garbage truck drivers do not weave in and out of the vehicles but rather drive straight down the street using their truck arm to pick up the trash bins.

Smith argues that trailers used daily for work, like his recycling business or those who provide lawn care services, should not have to be inconvenienced with pulling their trailers off the street and onto their property day in and day out.

Discussion

- Smith is unsure if the other trailer pictured also received a notice. (Mayor Nicholls/Smith)
- Smith's notice had two items checked including obstructing traffic. Smith was also made aware of the City of Yuma's Code of Ordinances regarding the parking of trucks and trailers on residential streets (Parking Code). (Shelton/Smith)
- None of Smith's neighbors have complained to him about his trailer. (Shelton/Smith)
- What Smith received was a "tag" or a "warning of removal" - not a ticket. (Chief Lekan)
- Public Works, through Code Enforcement, reference the Parking Code when there is some type of blockage. (Chief Lekan)

- The Parking Code was recently updated [Sept. 5, 2018 - O2018-037], ruling that a trailer is not allowed to be parked out on a residential roadway or collector street for more than 5 minutes. The only exception is recreational vehicles, moving vans and motor homes who have 48 hours as long they are in the process of loading or unloading. (Chief Lekan)
- Another look at this very complex Parking Code may be in order to look at how we want to apply this Parking Code to trailers. (Chief Lekan/Mayor Nicholls)

Mayor Nicholls directed the City Administrator to have staff take another look at the ordinance. **Chief Lekan** suggested also working with the Public Works Department to consider the times when streets need to be cleared, such as for slurry seal and trash pickup. **Thomas** requested a moratorium on the enforcement of the ordinance until it comes back to Council. **Mayor Nicholls** concurred unless there was a genuine safety issue, such as too narrow of a street or parking on sidewalks.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Thomas/McClendon): To adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor